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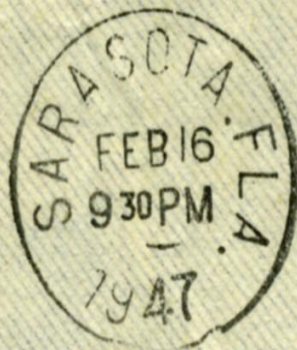
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~~VIA AIR MAIL~~

Mrs. J. B. Adams  
Clarksdale, Mississippi

Route #2 Box 45



Sunday Feb 16, 47

My Dearest Mother

This has been the nicest  
sunshiny day since I've been here.  
Cousin Charlie & Bessie Mae & I went  
to Baptist Church this morning. There  
I had dinner with them but  
left soon after lunch so I could  
get to the beach. The sun was  
nice & warm on beach and I  
stayed out more than two hours.  
Have just had my shower &  
thought I would write you before  
going out to supper. Tonight I  
plan to eat alone at the Casino,  
Horseshoe had a meal there yet  
so thought I would try it out.  
I want to go through the Jungle Gardens  
in the morning & then to beach  
again, I'll try & get all the sun I  
can for next few days for my time  
in Sarasota is fastly drawing to a  
close. Horseshoe decided which route I  
will take home, & may leave here  
Thursday afternoon or not later than  
Friday, so won't get home until  
about late Sunday afternoon or  
early Sunday night.  
Glad to know the weather is warming  
(over)



up there. Hope you all are staying  
well and missing me as much  
as I miss you.

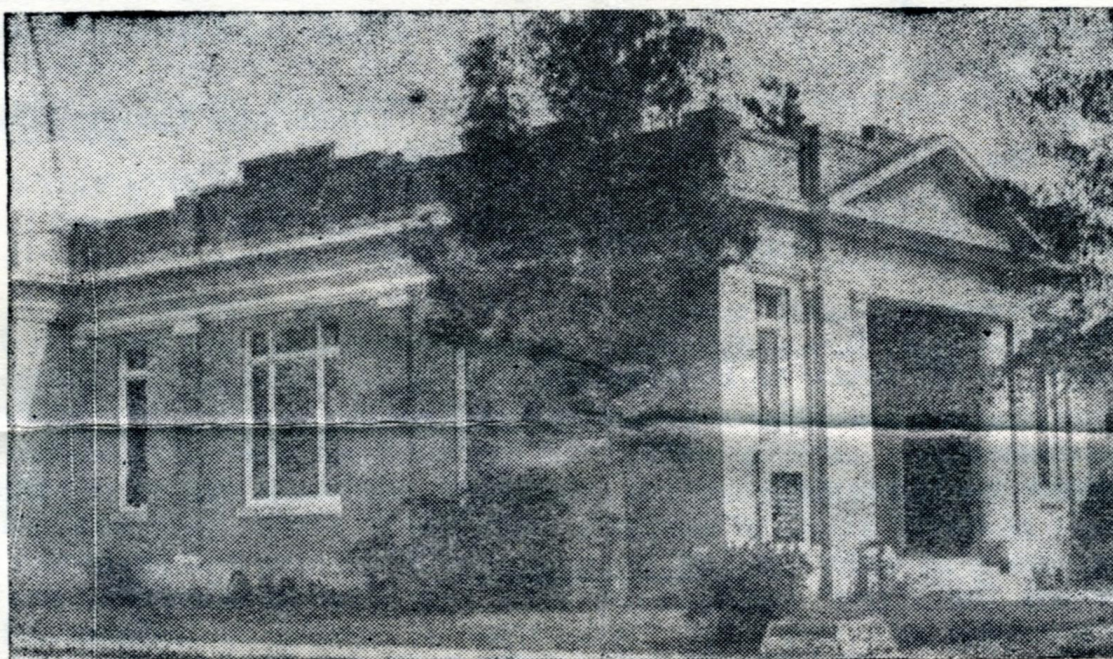
Love to each one and I'll see  
you next Sunday.  
Diverso.



# First Baptist Church

MAIN AND ADELIA STREETS  
SARASOTA, FLORIDA

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“A man is not justified by the works of the law but  
by faith in the Lord Jesus: For by works of the law  
shall no flesh be justified.” —Gal. 2:16.

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Dr. H. C. Wayman, Pastor

Church Phone 2722

Residence Phone 2384

“Whosoever thou art, that entereth this church, leave it not without me  
prayer to God for thyself, for those who minister, and  
for those who worship here”



February 16, 1947

H. C. Wayman, D. D., Pastor

Bible School, 9:45 A. M.

Mr L. R. Baird, Supt.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:55 A. M.

Prelude —

Call to Worship—"The Lord is in His Holy Temple" Choir (seated)

Doxology ..... Choir and Congregation

Invocation —

Gloria ..... Choir and Congregation

Hymn No. 176 — "How Firm A Foundation"

Scripture and Prayer —

Hymn No. 250 — "Standing On The Promises"

Anthem —

Offertory

Sermon — "Hearsay or Experience"

Hymn No. 217 — "There Is A Fountain"

Benediction —

Postlude — "Chorale" ..... Bach

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EVENING SERVICE, 7:30 P. M.

*Baptist Training Union, Six-thirty*

Adult, Young People's, Intermediate and Junior Unions, and Story Hour

Mr. Ed Donaldson, Director

Prelude — "Theme from Finlandia" ..... Sibelius

Hymn No. 333 — "Love Lifted Me"

Singing of Several Hymns—

Offertory — "Lullabye" ..... Brahms

Scripture Reading and Prayer

Special ..... Young People's Choir

Sermon — "Departures From The Faith"

Hymn 344 — "Would You Live For Jesus?"

Benediction —

Postlude — "Recessional March" ..... Lack

Russell Currin, Choir Director; Mrs. Walter Wooten, Organist



## CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES:

Young Peoples Choir, Tuesday Evening at 7 o'clock.

G. A. Meeting, Charlotte Hicks, Leader, Wednesday 4 P. M.

Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.: Fellowship Hour 8:30

W. M. S. Meeting Friday 3 P. M., Mission Study.

Boys and Girls Choir, Friday 3:45 P. M. All Juniors must come.

Choir Rehearsal Thursday 7:30 P. M. New members invited.

R. A. Meeting, Bill Lewis, Leader, Saturday 1:30 P. M.

Youth For Christ, Saturday 8 P. M. All High School Students come.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stewart and daughter Mirian Kay of W. 24th St. We pray God's blessings on this little Christian home. May He in His wisdom and love protect, provide and love.

**SYMPATHY:** We express deep sympathy to Mrs. F. W. Stalker and family in the going of Mr. Stalker who was for years a patient sufferer. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

**A SPLENDID REPORT:** Mr. Hinsey our financial secretary and Mr. Dozier our treasurer report that our tithes and offerings for the months of December and January amounted to \$6,156.78. This is indeed splendid. Especially is this to be commended when we are reminded that the total budget for twelve months, when I came as your pastor was \$9,500.00. Now what has brought about this change? The answer is, "God's Word". Our response to God's Word is all that is required. Our aim is, "Every member giving a tithe as a minimum. Some are "holding out"? Are you? No one can "rob God" for long. The number of tithers is increasing? Will you not join with us in bringing a tithe each Lord's Day? Speak with some who are tithing. If all would tithe this year, we would have enough money to build our new building.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mr. and Mrs. Bert McCullough and daughter, 520 Adelia. May our God bless and love this little Christian home. We commit the little ones and the parents to Him.

**OUR TRAINING UNION** is growing, but it is still calling. We are asking, even entreating, the adults to set the example. You are a church member but you should be an "instructed" member. You owe it to your church. Especially do we insist on our younger married couples coming and bringing the children. Remember your church is the best friend your home has. Then treat the church like a loving friend. We have a nursery for the babies. One word more; Surely every teacher of Juniors and Intermediates will encourage every member of their classes to come. The teachers must come with them. Really every one who comes to Sunday School must come to Training Union. Come this evening at 6:30, and then you will be on hand for the evening services.



## A Series Of Sunday Evening Sermons

This evening we continue the series of sermons on the subject "The Church That Jesus Built." Last Sunday evening the Lord gave us a splendid congregation. Our auditorium was filled with earnest believers, seekers for truth. Truly we are gradually learning that every one of us should be in the Lord's House on the Lord's Day, both morning and evening. This is the "test of absolute loyalty to our Christ and to His church". Surely you do not want to be disloyal to the one institution that is your best friend and the best friend of your home, namely your church. Personally I cannot stand for disloyalty on the part of leaders of our church. It cuts to the quick. You have formed the habit of "omitting" Sunday evening service and prayer meeting too. This you have done to your own hurt and to the hurt of your church. Now, "I beseech you by the mercies of God", change your conduct. Do not get mad: That will not help you or your church either. On the other hand, do as you know you ought to do. Determine by the grace of God to be loyal in attendance. God will bless you.

The pastor is so anxious to have the opportunity of presenting to you the truths of the "faith and practice" of our forefathers.-- "The Faith of our Fathers." Tonight the Subject is.--"The First Departures From Early Beliefs." This earliest departure (even in the times of the apostles) concerned the very heart of Christianity. It concerned the "vital matter of salvation itself." It was this: Is salvation of grace? Or is salvation of works? Read Acts 15, Galatians, 2. Fortunately for us and for all true believers, Paul won the victory and the Gospel was vindicated, namely, that "Salvation is of grace apart from works." This decision reached in Jerusalem A. D. 51 was the formal recognition of the fact that Christianity had broken the bands of Judaism. The decision was this: "Things not required":--the whole Jewish ceremonial law, Sacred seasons (passover, pentecost, tabernacles, Sabbath, sacrifices, priesthood, temple worship, circumcision. It was held (as it must be today by New Testament believers) that salvation is by repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. A "second departure", one closely connected with the first came at the close of the second century. It too concerned salvation. By 250 A. D. Cyprian a leader and teacher came to regard baptism as having magical power. "It perfects", "washes away all previous sin"; "without it salvation is impossible." Thus the church is coming to be regarded as "the custodian of all grace." Oh, the tragedy! The church of the Lord Jesus Christ is facing its severest test. Fortunately again for us, the believers met this innovation with the statement -- "Salvation is of grace." This contention has continued though the ages and will until Christ comes. Where do you stand? Are you with the Gospel teachings or with the man-made way?